

MAIL STOP AF Corres. and Mail RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

P.A. Graef et al.

Attorney Docket No. WEYE116969

Application No.: 09/815,933

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed:

March 23, 2001

Examiner: J.A. Boyd

Title:

ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING IMPROVED SURFACE DRYNESS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Seattle, Washington 98101

July 27, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendmer | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | Α | Additional Fee |
|-----------------------|--|-------|---|---|---|---|------|---|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 79 | Minus | 107 | = | 0 | x | 18 | = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 7 | Minus | 7 | = | 0 | X | 86 | = | 0.00 |
| | | | | | Total Additional Fee for this Amendment | | | | \$0.00 |

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 223/3-1450, on the below date.

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AMENDMENT C

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March 10, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2004 making final the rejection of claims, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.